

August 2021

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Friday, August 6, 6:00 p.m.
Torah Portion: Re'eh
Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11-55:5

Saturday, August 14, 10:00 a.m.
Torah Portion: Shoftim
Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9
Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12

Friday, August 20, 6:00 p.m.
Torah Portion: Ki Tetze
Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10

Saturday, August 28, 10:00 a.m.
Torah Portion: Ki Tavo
Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK



*Shehechyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higianu lazman hazeh.
Who has kept us, sustained us and allowed us to
reach this moment.*

Dear Friends,

As we move toward the holiest moments of our year and enter that sacred season of **chesbon hanefesh** - introspection, self assessment and self evaluation, that season of soul searching and personal reflection, I want each and every one of us to say **Amen** to the above *bracha*. Without question, this is an **Amen** of gratitude and thanksgiving, of liberation and release.

This last year has been like nothing any of us has ever experienced. The challenges introduced by the pandemic forced us to rethink and redesign what we considered and thought to be normal practice and behavior; redesigning how we interact with others, how we help ensure our health and safety and contribute to the general well-being of the world around us. We are learning to navigate in truly uncharted waters, doing so with strength, vision and determination.

Last year, as you recall so poignantly, we were unable to worship together in the beauty and sanctity of our sanctuary. I know that for me, as well as for many members of the Temple family, not being together for worship, not being physically present to watch and hear the shofar sounded, not being able to embrace one another with a hug, a kiss and a **Shanah Tovah** or **G'mar chatimah tovah** intensified the sense of distance and isolation separating us.

I am so pleased that this year will be different from the year just concluded. This year, God willing, we **will** be together to celebrate the **Yamim Noraim**, our Days of Awe. This year, members of our Temple family will participate on the **bimah** reading the High Holy Day liturgy, chanting from the Torah and singing the **haftarot**. We all look forward to this.

Know that I wish for you and for the entire Congregation a New Year filled with joy, health and blessings. May our fasting be offset by a sense of inner fulfillment and strength. May the holiness of these Days of Awe not only resonate within our hearts and souls but inspire us to engage the world we inhabit with a sense of sanctity, a sense of **kiddusha**. May the power of these sacred moments inspire us and move us in ways that, in our lives, through our words, deeds and actions, we model the sacred message of our **Yamim Noraim**.

G'mar Chatimah Tovah - May we be inscribed in the Book of Life.

Shanah Tova,

Rabbi

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dog days! Feel like staying inside. But there's so much going on at Temple B'nai Israel this summer – from the Engage! series of fascinating programs, like last month's "Jews as News" and "From Miniskirt to Hijab" in August, to our great Book Club conversations, to canasta and now mahjong, to Rabbi Hyman's inspiring Shabbat services! Speaking of our Rabbi, don't miss his amazingly delicious cookout and wonderful Havdalah on August 14. Come one and all to this!

This month, we'll also be paying special attention to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, now resurgent in many places because of the Delta variant. Thankfully, Talbot County has been largely (but not totally) safe from this, and the Temple's reopening remains on course. So far so good. But things could change on a dime here – as they have elsewhere – so please take extra care to get yourselves and everyone around you vaccinated ASAP to prevent this disease or at least minimize illness. When you travel, be smart: wear a mask at rest stops, pumping and paying for gas, in restaurants you're not familiar with and in other unsuspecting venues.

Have a safe, healthy and joyous rest of the summer!!

Ben Schlesinger

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear TBI Members,

While many of you are still enjoying summer activities, vacations, and reunions with family, we have been busy preparing for the High Holy Days (HHD). While we look forward to welcoming you back in September for in-person HHD services, we will continue to closely monitor the new COVID-19 Delta variant in our region. Rabbi Hyman is clear that the health of the Congregation is our first priority, and we will follow all recommendations by the CDC and Talbot County Health Department.

Please understand that some changes could occur between the time you receive your HHD packet in the mail and the actual service time. Regardless of any changes, we will broadcast HHD services virtually, to ensure that all members are able to attend.

I would like to thank our HHD Services Chair Marcia Shapiro, Office Manager Nancy Cummings, and editors Stephen & Jean Sand and Paula Gervis for their work in preparing the HHD packets that you will soon be receiving in the mail.

Shalom,

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High Holy Days Services 5782/2021

Selichot

Saturday, August 28, 8:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 6, 7:30 p.m.

Morning Service

Tuesday, September 7, 10:00 a.m.

Pre-Tashlich Lunch after Morning Services (Reservations required)

Tuesday, September 7

Tashlich Service (Easton Point Marina on Port Street)

Tuesday, September 7, 2:00 p.m.

Cemetery Service at Oxford Cemetery

Sunday, September 12, 10:30 a.m.

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre

Wednesday, September 15, 7:30 p.m.

Morning Service

Thursday, September 16, 10:00 a.m.

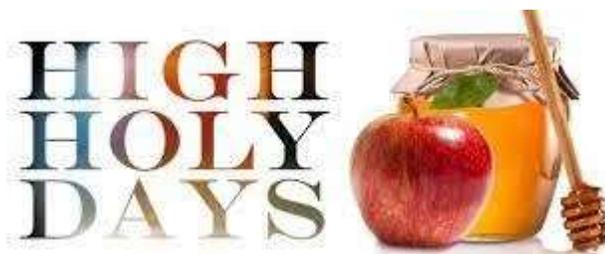
Musical Interlude

2:00 p.m.

Afternoon Service

Thursday, September 16, 4:00 p.m.-Sunset

Break Fast to Follow **(Reservations Required)**



Engage!

Lifelong Learning



Programming Calendar 2021 – 2022

The Diaspora: Jewish Assimilation and its Impact on Literature, Humor, Music, Ethics, Art, Religions, Cuisine and Other People

August 15, 2021: Sunday 7:30 p.m.

From Miniskirt to Hijab: A Girl in Revolutionary Iran

Presented by Award-Winning Author and Speaker, Jacqueline Saper

September 26, 2021: Sunday 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

“THE CAPTAIN and ME”, “THE DESIGNATED HEBREW”

An Interview with Ron “Boomer” Blomberg, Baseball’s First Ever Designated Hitter

October 16, 2021: Saturday 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

FALL into DANCE: The Israel Ballet Performs Paquita and Serenade

Intermission: An Interview with Claire Bayliss, Artistic Director, Israel Ballet and Champagne Dessert Reception

December 19, 2021: Sunday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality, and a Deeper Connection to Life in Judaism

A Conversation with Presidential Speechwriter and Author Sarah Hurwitz



Engage! Lifelong Learning Committee: Cheryl Kramer, Chair

Mara Abrams, Paula & Norman Bell, Carole Brown, Susan Koh,

Bernice Michael, Ron Rothman, Doug Levin, Nadine Sachs

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Canasta and Mahjong are now IN-PERSON!



For more information contact Lori at 919-428-0973.

UP-COMING EVENTS

Book Club - Via Zoom TEMPLE MEMBERS ONLY

Join your Temple friends for a monthly Virtual Book Club via Zoom. For details, contact Elaine at ejf1027@gmail.com

August 16, 5:00 pm *Newcomer*, by Keigo Higashino



Detective Kyochiro Kaga of the Tokyo Police Department has just been transferred to a new precinct in the Nihonbashi area of Tokyo. Newly arrived, but with a great deal of experience, Kaga is promptly assigned to the team investigating the murder of a woman. But the more he investigates, the greater number of potential suspects emerges. It isn't long before it seems nearly all the people living and working in the business district of Nihonbashi have a motive for murder. To prevent the murderer from eluding justice, Kaga must unravel all the secrets surrounding a complicated life. Buried somewhere in the woman's past, in her family history, and the last few days of her life is the clue that will lead to the murderer.

Memoir Storytelling and Writing



*We still have room for a few more "storytellers" in the second
MEMOIR STORYTELLING AND WRITING GROUP!*

Please contact Shirley Sallet at 410-745-4059.

Our first get-together will be in September, after the High Holidays.

Save the Dates

Havdalah & BBQ



Join us under the pergola for Havdalah on Saturday, August 14 at 5:00 PM. This is a beautiful ceremony that uses our senses to mark the end of Shabbat and welcome in a new week. Sweet spices are sniffed to carry the sweetness of Shabbat into the week and to wake us gently to our earthly responsibilities. Lighting the candle is the first fire of the new week, a sign that the time to begin creating again has arrived.

Please join our Temple family after Havdalah for an informal and fun BBQ. Rabbi Hyman will be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers to order. TBI

will provide all of the fixings and drinks. We just need you to make the evening complete! Please RSVP to Nancy at the Temple office at 410-822-0553.



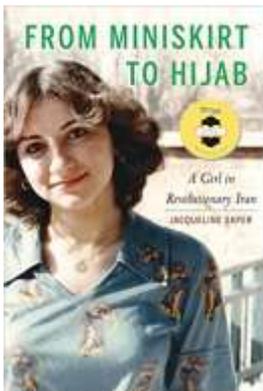
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From Miniskirt to Hijab: A Girl in Revolutionary Iran

Sunday, August 15, 7:30 pm Via Zoom



Jacqueline Saper is a writer, public speaker, analyst, and translator. Born to an Ashkenazi Jewish mother and Persian Jewish father and raised in Iran, she later immigrated to the United States, gaining entry due to religious persecution. Her memoir, *From Miniskirt to Hijab: A Girl in Revolutionary Iran*, bears witness to the changes in her life as a Jewish girl, wife, and mother before, during, and after the evolution in Iran. Professor Jessica Emami at Marymount University has utilized the book in the Introduction to Sociology in a Global Perspective course and believes that "From Miniskirt to Hijab illustrates the different ways religion, prejudice, discrimination, power, and minority statuses differ vastly from place to place but also share common features. Moreover, the book also teaches the strengths that diversity can

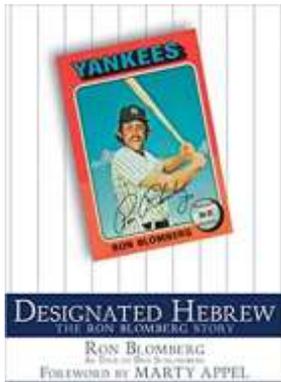
bring to any culture." Please join us, along with a national consortium of Jewish synagogues, for an informative evening with Jacqueline Saper via Zoom.

[**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**](#)

Engage!

Lifelong Learning

Designated Hebrew: A Conversation with Yankees Player & Author Ron Blomberg
September 26, 8:00 p.m.
Via Zoom, Registration Link to Follow



Ron Blomberg - the first designated hitter in Major League Baseball history - will speak about his time with the Yankee's organization, starting in 1973 when George Steinbrenner had just taken control of the Bronx Bombers. In his heart-warming autobiography, Blomberg relives the moment that made his career and the countless experiences before and after that helped boost him to legendary heights.

In *Designated Hebrew* Blomberg recounts a time when baseball, and America itself, were changing. Before Blomberg arrived in New York, the Yankees only employed three Jews in the entire organization. Though his career goals were eventually thwarted by injury, Blomberg still represented hope and pride to millions of Americans across the country. This unforgettable story is the journey of one man as he learns to balance life, religion, and ultimately, baseball.

Tidbits of Jewish History: Isaac Newton's Papers

After Sir Isaac Newton died in 1727, his papers were given to the University of Cambridge. Valuing his scientific manuscripts most, the university decided to auction off what was left — Newton's manuscripts on alchemy and theology.



In 1936, Sotheby's in London held an auction for those papers. The original papers of a man considered to be the greatest physicist of all time would normally draw a considerable crowd. However, down the street Christie's was holding an auction of their own for Impressionist art. In the end, only two people came for Newton's papers. One of them happened to be the noted economist John Maynard Keynes. The other: a Jewish expert in Middle Eastern affairs named Abraham Shalom Yahuda. The two split the pot: Keynes took the alchemy writings, Yehuda the theology.

When Yahuda died in 1951, his collection transferred to the National Library of Israel. Contrary to what one might expect to find amid Newton's works, these papers cover topics such as interpretations of the Bible, theology, the history of ancient cultures, the Tabernacle and Temple, calculations dealing with the end of time, historical documents, and even alchemy. These papers introduce facets of Newton's personality and work that the public has never before encountered. They are evidence of the great lengths that Newton went to in trying to decipher writings that, in his opinion, contained secret knowledge encrypted in the Holy Scriptures of ancient cultures and in historical documents.

A page of Newton's writings
featuring a familiar phrase



Jewish Hopefuls at the Tokyo Olympics



Linoy Ashram, Israel, Rhythmic Gymnastics
Diego Schwartzman, Argentina, Tennis
Anat Lelior, Israel, Surfing
Team Israel, Baseball
Jessica Fox, Australia, Canoe slalom
Jemima Montag, Australia, Racewalking

Ori Sasson, Israel, Judo
Sagi Muki, Israel, Judo
Maru Teferi, Israel, Marathon
Avi Schafer, Japan, Basketball
Maor Tiyouri, Israel, Marathon
Doron Shaziri, Israel, Shooting



Sue Bird, USA, Basketball

Basketball legend Sue Bird has won gold medals with the U.S. women's basketball team in the last four Olympics. Bird, now 40, is back for her fifth, and likely last, Olympics.

The child of a Jewish father and non-Jewish mother, she's been a basketball star since her debut for the University of Connecticut in 1998 and selection as the WNBA's No. 1 overall draft pick in 2002 by the Seattle Storm. In her nearly 20 years as a pro, Bird has won four WNBA championships and is a 12-time All-Star.

Bird also gained Israeli citizenship in 2006 in a basketball-motivated decision, so she could play for European teams. Her citizenship also allowed her to connect to her Jewish identity.

***Just in!!** Sue Bird and baseball player Eddy Alvarez were the flag bearers for the U.S. team during the Parade of Nations at the opening ceremonies of the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.*



Eli Dershwitz, USA, Fencing

Eli Dershwitz is returning to the Olympics for redemption. At the 2016 Rio Games, the Jewish saber fencer lost in the opening round. In 2021, he's ranked No. 2 in the world and hoping to medal.

Dershwitz, who started fencing at 9, would win back-to-back NCAA championships for Harvard in 2017 and 2018. In Tokyo, he will aim to become the fifth U.S. man to win a medal in saber fencing. No American man has ever won gold in that category.

Born and raised in Sherborn, Massachusetts, Dershwitz's maternal grandparents are Holocaust survivors. He has a twin sister who worked on the frontlines caring for patients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The Jewish community has been very supportive throughout my journey to the Olympics, and I look forward to representing them on the world stage."



Alix Klineman, USA, Beach volleyball

Alix Klineman, 31, had played indoor volleyball for Stanford in college and professionally following her graduation in 2011. In 2016, she failed to make the U.S. Olympic Volleyball Team and vowed to find another way to compete at the games. So she switched to beach volleyball. Unlike indoor volleyball, which has teams with rosters selected by coaches, beach volleyball is a two-person sport dependent on your own results with a partner.

"I looked at the beach as a new opportunity and a chance to chase my dreams without anybody having to give me approval or put me on a roster. The biggest thing was pursuing the Olympics and getting a new shot at that."

Klineman teamed with two-time Olympian April Ross, and they quickly rose in the rankings. They are entering the Tokyo Games with a world ranking of No. 2, with a more than solid chance of winning gold.

The Summer Paralympic Games in Tokyo are from August 24 to September 5 Here are profiles of three Jewish Paralympians



Ezra Frech, USA, Track and field

The 16 years old Los Angeles native, son of the Persian Jewish actress Bahar Soomekh, competes in the high jump, long jump and the 100m race. Born with only one finger on his left hand and missing his left knee and shinbone, at 2 he had surgery to remove the curved part of his leg, and had a toe attached to his left hand. By 9 he was on "Ellen" talking about his athletics and advocating for adaptive sports, and at the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships, he was the youngest athlete in the world to compete at 14.

His goal in Tokyo is to win multiple medals. "You can quote me on this: I will be a multi medalist when I walk away from Tokyo," he said.



Moran Samuel, Israel, Rowing

Samuel, 39, grew up playing basketball, and was a member of the Israeli women's national team. In 2006, at the age of 24, she suffered a spinal stroke and was paralyzed in her lower body. She started playing wheelchair basketball, then decided to try rowing to get to the Paralympic Games.

She won a Paralympic medal at the 2016 games in Rio, taking bronze in the women's 1,000-meter single sculls rowing competition.

Her two biggest dreams were becoming a mother and winning an Olympic medal — and now she's achieved both. With wife Limor Goldberg, she's now a mom of two. And in Tokyo, she's going for gold.



Matthew Levy, Australia, Swimming

Returning to compete in his fifth Paralympics, the Australian Jewish swimmer, 34, competes in the freestyle, butterfly and medley races.

Levy was born premature at 25 weeks with cerebral palsy and vision impairment. Following many surgeries, he started swimming at 5 as part of his rehabilitation. At 12 he realized he could swim competitively.

Levy made his Paralympic debut at the 2004 Athens Paralympics. At the 2008 Beijing Games, he won his first medal, gold in the 4x100m medley. He won 5 medals the 2012 London Games and one at the 2016 Rio Games. He's looking to add to his medal count in Tokyo as the oldest member of the Australian Paralympic swimming team.

A Tidbit of Jewish Olympics History: 1936 Berlin Games Controversy

A controversial move at the 1936 Berlin Games was the benching of two American Jewish runners, **Marty Glickman** and **Sam Stoller**. Both had trained for the 4 x100-meter relay, but on the day before the event, they were replaced by Jesse Owens and Ralph Metcalfe, the team's two fastest sprinters. Various reasons were given for the change. The coaches claimed they needed their fastest runners to win the race. Glickman has said that Coach Dean Cromwell and Avery Brundage were motivated by antisemitism and the desire to spare Hitler the embarrassing sight of two American Jews on the winning podium.



From a statement by Marty Glickman: *In the entire history of the modern Olympic Games no fit American track and field performer has ever not competed in the Olympic Games except for Sam Stoller and me — **the only 2 Jews on the 1936 team**. The morning we were supposed to run in the 400-meter relay trial heats, coach Lawson Robertson announced that he heard very strong rumors that the Germans were saving their best sprinters, hiding them, to upset the American team in the 400-meter relay. Consequently, Sam Stoller and I were to be replaced by Jesse Owens and Ralph Metcalfe. I was a brash 18-year-old kid and I said "Coach, you can't hide world-class sprinters." At which point, Jesse spoke up and said "Coach, I've won my 3 gold medals [the 100, the 200, and the long jump]. I'm tired. I've had it. Let Marty and Sam run, they deserve it." Cromwell pointed his finger at him and said "You'll do as you're told." And in those days, Black athletes did as they were told, and Jesse was quiet after that.*

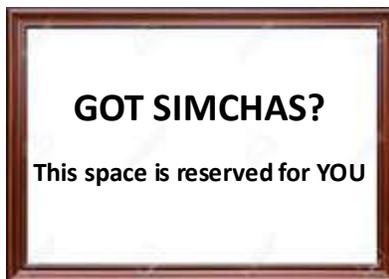
Watching the final the following day, I see Metcalfe passing runners down the back stretch, and I thought "that should be me out there." I vowed that come 1940 I'd win it all. I'd win the 100, the 200, I'd run on the relay. I was going to be 22 in 1940. I was a good athlete, I knew that, and 4 years hence I was going to be out there again. Of course, 1940 never came. There was a war on. 1944 never came."

Honoring Our Loved Ones: Memorial Wall Inscriptions



Our beautiful Memorial Wall is located in the lobby of our Temple, featuring an eternal light from our original building and metal plates with inscriptions of our loved ones. It is a distinguished, reverent way of paying respect and tribute to their memories and reflecting the prominent places they occupy in our hearts. Plaques are available for a \$500 donation. Please contact Lori Ramsey at the Temple office for more information.

Is there a Simcha you would like to share? (an anniversary, new baby, a Bar/Bat Mitzvah ...)
Send your submission to the Temple office or email the editors at srsand@atlanticbb.net.



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August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Communications Committee Meeting in person 10:00 am	6 7:51 pm candle lighting Shabbat/ Birthday Service in person & via Facebook 6:00 pm	7
8 Board Meeting in person 10:00 am	9	10	11	12 Membership Committee Meeting in person 10:30 am	13 7:43 pm candle lighting	14 Shabbat Service 10:00 am in person and Facebook Havdalah & BBQ 5:00 pm
15 ENGAGE Lifelong Learning "From Miniskirt to Hijab" 7:00 pm	16 Book Club 5:00 pm via Zoom	17	18	19	20 7:33 pm candle lighting Shabbat Service in person & via Facebook 6:00 pm	21
22	23 LLL Committee meeting in person 10:00 am	24 Memoir Writing Group 1 1:30 pm	25 Advancement Committee Meeting in person 10:00 am	26 Ladies Who Lunch 12:30 Miles River Yacht Club Reservations required	27 7:23 pm candle lighting	28 Shabbat Service 10:00 am in person and Facebook Selichot 8:30 pm in person and Facebook
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